

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26 1955

THE MINING LAWS.

DISCUSSION COLLEGING OF Mr. G. A. Lloyd, M.L.A.,
 W. Vail, Church, M.L.A., and Mr. E. N. Emmett, and
 concerning the Mining Laws of the Province, was
 the twenty morning upon the Colonial Secretary's
 (Mr. G. C. Gower) for the purpose of pointing
 out certain defects in the existing Mining Laws,
 and suggesting amendments therein. The Hon. W. Forster,
 Minister for Lands, was present at the meeting. Mr. G.
 A. Lloyd introduced the subject of the Mining
 Laws, he said, largely interested in mining operations
 at Trunkley Creek, and in the Victorian Trunkley Creek
 Mining Laws.

MR. EMMETT placed before the Ministers the following
 communication from the Chamber of a public meeting,
 held at Trunkley Creek on the 1st instant, in relation
 to the Trunkley Creek Gold-Fields.

she was prevaricating, and that it was

and then, held on the evening of the last instance, the said resolutions were passed.

In conveying the report of these resolutions, I have endeavoured to express my sense of the good feeling animating the members, the respect shown for the administration of the law as well as the law itself, and the fair and reasonable spirit evinced throughout the proceedings.

It was intended to present the question in the form of a resolution, to the effect, that the meeting generally, in order to save delay and unnecessary trouble, do not express the necessity of submitting to the law the resolutions agreed to, as claims of meeting.

"Obediently yours,"

"DAVID McARTHUR, Chairman."

That the present administration of the O.G.-D. laws be amended by the following:-

1. An officer of mines, resident in Sydney
2. A reduction in the cost of miners' rights
3. A greater protection to small coalowners
4. A change in the mode of the present duties of the Com-

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in which mining operations are conducted by the Government.

Mr. FORSTER: But I am not aware that the Government conduct mining operations.

Mr. LESTER: Oh, I mean the regulations of the Government and the legislation with regard to mining.

Mr. LESTER: That is a fact thing. The laws are considered effective.

Mr. FORSTER: Then I understand it is the legislation the country that is objected to.

Mr. LESTER: Quite so, Sir; quite so.

Mr. LESTER: Now then, I am now quoted above.

Mr. BENNETT suggested the appointment of a Minister of Mines, or an officer of mines, who would receive all the reports of the various mining companies, and would make up a statement of gold to mine production. It had been very deficient in Victoria, and the Victorian mines now found that this was a greater mining colony than Victoria. The Government were not very much interested in the subject, and he hoped a minister of mines, or at least an officer

acted exclusively with the control of mining interests and had no voice in the general affairs of the community. The cost of the miner's right, though that was a trifling matter. The cost in Victoria was six, here it was 10s. It was a great deal more than in other parts of the world, and it was known that every new rush in a colony did give a great deal of good by taking a large number away from the metropolis. A greater protection to individual rights than anywhere else. The miners' rights were in the mining laws which were totally neglected. He was a case in which a man took out a summons for assault and battery against a constable who had taken him by the beard. "Then they required a change in the mode of present duties of the Commissioners; the establishment of a committee to consider the question of appeal justices and be permitted to settle mining disputes.

Q. LLOYD: Explain how these matters are managed in Victoria?

A. MR. EMMETT: Their Commissioners were paid Police Magistrates, whose sole duty was to attend to those cases,

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MR. FORSTER: You think the law does not sufficiently read them out at present.

MR. ENNETT: I think not. The miners in these rooms are not the same as the great system of leasing is abolished. That was carried at the meeting, but he did not go with it at all. It was necessary there should be some thing to be done. He is not a man who is not himself believed in the absolute necessity of giving us, particularly to companies.

MR. ENNETT: For the purposes of inducing the investment of capital?

MR. ENNETT: Exactly so. In Victoria we have a court system presided over by a Judge who goes round once a week to the different courts.

MR. FORSTER: Is he a lawyer?

MR. ENNETT: Oh, yes—a barrister—a lawyer. He presides over the courts, and a great amount of expense, and the courts were a great saving to the country. They acted here a more complete system of registration, and the courts were a great saving to the country.

part of the claim was to be sold. Registration was a piece to the mine, too, as it prevented quarrelling or upstaging.

Mr. GOTT said we had registration at Trunkway, where the sergeant of police was mining registrar.

Mr. FORBES said there were dozens of mining registrars.

Mr. COWEN said that was admitted by the deputation, who wished the system to be more complete.

Mr. GOTT said that there were 100,000 miners in the B. and N. in Victoria, one for each division, and each B. and N. was paid about £500 per year. They framed regulations each fortnightly year, and the miners voted by three to one. The B. and N. was not to be a party to any law that was not framed by the miners. The B. and N. would be sufficient. Let a Board be formed in Sydney in the month of November and frame regulations for the whole of the system of the B. and N. by the miners of each division. Thus the regulations would be framed by the representatives of the miners.

Mr. GOTT said that the amount of the B. and N. was

MR. EMMETT: Only sufficient to maintain them for one month in Sydney. They could do the whole thing in that time, and then they would have the bulk of the property on gold, and they also objected to the secret duty. In Victoria both these charges had been done away with for some time, and they were not going to do it in New South Wales over Victoria, and they took custody of the gold. The mere put it into the hands of the bank, and let the bank do the secret.

MR. CHURCH: Do you mean to say you are prepared to dispense with the Government conveying the gold, and leave it all to be conveyed by the banks?

MR. EMMETT: I think so.

MR. CHURCH: The Government is not liable for any loss. You convey the gold, but if they are robbed they are not liable. The fee is paid by the miner, but the miner gets protection. The bank takes the gold from the miner, and are responsible for it.

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protection. Now the banks take the gold from the miners and are responsible for it.

Mr. COWPER: Is this a matter of free trade. Why do you not let the miners take the banks?

Mr. BURNETT: They do. They never send gold down to get themselves. The banks send it down, but the miners not.

Mr. LEWIS said the escort had never been robbed.

Mr. COWPER said it had been robbed once.

Mr. LEWIS said further that the money was not sent.

Mr. CHURCH said that he did not agree with Mr. Burnett with reference to the leasing system. This was a most important point. At Cranley, all the *gold* was sent down to the leasing system, and the *gold* mine had no choice whatever.

Mr. BURNETT said that would be rectified by a proper leasing system. He said that the large capital going out on the ground with extensive machinery would employ a great deal of labour. The Victorian Trunkway Company was not a good example of a leasing system, and

pled in raising stone. If there had been no leasing system, that company would not be there at all. There was no doubt about New South Wales being the best place to raise stone. There was an immense gold-field almost untouched.

Mr. LLOYD said, had it not been for the leasing system, there would have been no company at work on Trunkan. There would have been no company at work there with an aggregate asset subscribed capital of £100,000. It was a company that had been formed for the purpose of doing the thing which should be done to induce the investment of capital, and also to protect the poor man.

Mr. EMMETT suggested the appointment of a commission to inquire into the matter, and to report on a bill which might be submitted to Parliament early in the coming session.

Mr. LLOYD said that Mr. Emmett could do much more than that. He could get the Government to take the evidence ought to be taken and put into shape.

Mr. FORSTER after some conversational discussion said that he would move the adjournment of the present

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AUCTION SALES.

Heavy Draught Horses.

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Broken and Unbroken Horses.

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GOULBURN.

POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

F. S. COHEN and **CO.** beg to inform the public that the sale of household furniture at the residence of Mr. S. Cohen, at 11 o'clock, is postponed.

General Drapery, Clothing, &c.

No landing or recent arrivals.

TO-MORROW AND FRIDAY next.

27th and 28th inst.

Commencing each day at 11 o'clock.

To Warehousemen, Drapers, Storekeepers, and others.

CHAS. MOORE and CO. are instructed to offer by public auction, on the days above named, at their Sale Rooms, Pitt-street, Large consignments of goods now landing on the Maitland.

Consisting of:

Calico, white and grey.

Flannels, imitation and Saxony Welsh.

Rough and dressed holland.

Linen sheetings and pillow cases.

Domestic cloths and napkins.

Linen damasks and diapers.

Linen and imperial tapes.

Cable handkerchiefs.

Black cloth and alpaca lace.

Ditto and fancy dress trousseau and vests.

Male trousers.

Boys' clothing.

White and crimson shirts.

Twilled and Venetian shirts.

Women's and girls' white cotton hose.

Ditto brown ditto.

Men's and boys' white and brown half-hose.

Socks.

Merino shirts and pants.

Cotton ditto ditto.

Ties, braces, hats and caps, &c., &c.

Terms at sale.

On account of whom it may concern.

To Ironmongers, Storekeepers, and others.

Ex Underley, Tidmarsh, master, from London.

More or less damaged by sea water.

TO-MORROW (Thursday), at 11 o'clock.

CHAS. MOORE and CO. will sell by public auction, on account of the underwriters, TO-MORROW, at their Sale Rooms, 167, Pitt-street, the following:

JOWH.

302-1 cask, 131 dozen black Wheeler's shoes.

306-1 ditto, 29 dozen bright and black hats.

308-1 ditto, 42 dozen ditto ditto.

Terms at sale.

On account of whom it may concern.

Ex San Carlos, from London, damaged by sea water.

1 Case Black Colours, assorted qualities.

TO-MORROW, at 11 o'clock.

CHAS. MOORE and CO. are instructed to sell by public auction, at their Sale Rooms, Pitt-street, the following:

Diamond over 250.

1 case, 4 pieces, black colours, much damaged.

15 ditto, ditto ditto, slightly ditto.

12 ditto, ditto ditto, sound.

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To Ironmongers and others.

Hammers, assorted sizes.

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CHAS. MOORE and CO. are instructed to sell by public auction, at their Sale Rooms, 167, Pitt-street, TO-MORROW, Thursday, the following:

Assorted sizes.

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ON THURSDAY, 27th January, at 11 o'clock.

At the Australian Auction Rooms, Pitt-street.

By CASTLEHEAD.

4 CASES COFFIN FURNITURE.

To Undertakers and others.

BRADLEY, NEWTON, and LAMB have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Rooms, Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 27th January, at 11 o'clock,

4 cases coffin furniture.

By Castlehead.

Terms at sale.

Preliminary Notice.

On MONDAY, 31st January, at 11 o'clock.

At No. 35, Hunter-street.

The Residence of Alfred Anderson, Esq.

THE WHOLE OF THE SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.

To Parties Furnishing, Upholsterers, Brokers, and others.

BRADLEY, NEWTON, and LAMB have received instructions from Alfred Anderson, Esq., to sell by auction, at his residence, 35, Hunter-street, on MONDAY, 31st January, at 11 o'clock,

The whole of the superior household furniture and effects.

Terms, cash.

Preliminary Notice.

On an early day, of which due notice will be given.

At the residence of John Daley, Esq., Victoria Barracks, Paddington.

THE VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, CUT GLASS, WAGGONETTE, SILVER-MOUNTED HARNESSES, &c.

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The above.

Terms, cash.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

Highly-Important Sale by Auction of

City Freehold Property, in the Estate of the late

Mr. Thomas Kerrigan, by order of the Executor, Mr. R. M. Lindsay.

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